

Council And School Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the ratepayers of the Town of Gleichen was held in the Community Hall when about 25 ratepayers were present, despite the intense cold. Mayor Purcell occupied the chair.

The secretary read the minutes of the previous annual meeting, which were accepted as read.

A ser explaining that the financial statement had been placed in the hands of all ratepayers, the mayor called upon the secretary to read the statement. This was done in detail and was explained by the secretary as he proceeded. There was an increase in the bank balance at the end of the year, this in spite of the fact that the public works committee had over-expended its appropriation to the tune of \$100.00 over the estimate. The departments had also over-expended to a lesser degree. This explained the increase in the bank balance.

The mayor then referred to the valuation of the property on a more equitable basis. All elevators and warehouses on the main street had been brought into town and had materially increased the assessed valuation of the town.

The line from the Events House was also referred to as well as the intention of the Provincial Government to proceed with the construction of a disposal tank on the Blackfoot Reserve. It would be understood in early in the year.

The Medical Health Officer's report was submitted by Dr. H. Fargherson. He referred to the epidemic of scarlet fever which had occurred during the latter five months of the year. Almost without exception the cases had been mild. The secretary also read the Provincial secretary's report on conditions in the town.

The public works committee report was submitted by Councillor Brown. He showed the enormous amount of work done during the year, all the streets, with one exception, had been repaved. The main street and Fourth avenue, gravelled and cleared. New culverts were installed on the main highway and F1th avenue. The ditch through town cleared out and deepened. All the sidewalks had been repaved and new concrete sidewalks constructed in front of part of Block 6. In moving the adoption of the report Mr. Macdonald with appreciation of the splendid work done during the year and paid a tribute to Councillor Brown for the time he had devoted to the supervision of this work.

The fire, light and police report was submitted by Councillor Brown. He referred briefly to the fire damage done while removing a defective fire hydrant. There had been other fires during the year and the equipment was all in fair condition. The new schedule of light rates submitted by the Calgary Power Co. had become operative and appeared to be giving general satisfaction. The company had also assumed all responsibility for the maintenance of the street lighting system and intended shortly to re-wire and bring it up-to-date. The cost of the town for light, water and sewerage had increased under the original franchise.

The waterworks report was submitted by Councillor Miliken. Leaks and general maintenance during 1928 had been less than in previous years. There was an adequate supply of water for domestic use and fire purposes had been maintained at all times. For the first time the plant shows a substantial surplus over operating costs. The new schedule of power rates was made available to reduce the rate of charges to \$2.00 flat and \$10.00 per thousand cubic feet for metered service. A sinking fund had been established to take care of future replacements and expansion.

Resolving for the Finance Committee

Mayor Purcell entered into details of estimates for the year. The increased assessment had brought a decreased mill rate. Although estimates had been exceeded, the revenues for the year had more than met the increase. This was partly due to a larger amount of arrears having been collected than was at first expected.

Of the arrears still outstanding, about 80% were collectable. A further reduction of the taxes was in sight for this year as water and lighting costs would be about \$1000.00 less than in 1928.

Mr. Michael moved a hearty vote of thanks to the mayor and council for the most satisfactory financial statement that had ever been presented.

The annual school meeting followed with Mr. J. E. Ostrander in the chair. He referred to some of the unfair criticisms which had been levelled at the trustees in regard to the operation of the school during the winter over epidemic.

The secretary then submitted the trustees' report on the teaching staff. These, on the whole, were very satisfactory.

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HOCKEY

Including the hockey team about 30 people went to Medicine Hat, Alta. to play the first game of the season. The game of the play off series.

In the first period the Monarchs led the first goal by Mickey from the left followed by Johnson for Gleichen won on an individual rush score. The period was evenly divided, neither team had any advantage over the other.

In the second period Gleichen scored the puck back to Medicine Hat way most of the time and was rewarded by R. Brown scoring. The Monarchs took two valuable opportunities to score when they got through the Gleichen team and still had the goalie to beat but was too late and Al, easily turned aside the shots.

In the third period the Monarchs were very much down the ice and after leaving them there succeeded in scoring twice on two combination plays. Brown finally broke away and getting through the Monarchs defense took a local buckle and shot close to the Medicine Hat net and scored the last corner of the game. In this period the Monarchs kept the puck local way most of the time.

Saturday night on local ice Gleichen met the Vailors, as for the May 15 series is concerned, taking the tumble from the Vailors. The game was a close one for the two teams, 6-3.

There was a crowd on the ice and many fans coming from as far away as Queenstown.

We do not know whether the Gleichen team was suffering from swelled heads or not, but we do know that during the first two periods they did not seem to have any pep in them. It may have been an off-night. They did not try very much combination play and the combination they did try was not of their usual snappy style.

In the third period Gleichen did seem to come to life and they were easily turned aside. Gleichen got very few chances to shoot, going down to the boards or forced into the corner.

The Monarchs were content with the goal but had did not try to make it harder. A number of times a Monarch player need only get into Gleichen defense players, but

Councillors and Trustees Elected The Big Parade by Acclamation

Financial Report Best on Record

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The Big Parade

No more well-souled appreciation of "The Big Parade" has been found in any other section of the world than right here in Canada where the celebrated Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer picture was acclaimed alike by English and French newspapers as the greatest historical epic ever made for the films.

La Presse, Montreal's big newspaper, said "The Big Parade" was deeply appreciated by every Frenchman for its portrayal of Meliandre as a magnificent tribute to the noble qualities of the Frenchman in the World War, and the leading English newspaper, The Montreal Star, stated that on the opening night the house "rocked with laughter or got tense with thrills or shaken by emotional moments as the story unfolded. A romance well and gracefully told. Humor of an irresistible kind. A vast panorama of the war as it was fought," are some of the other characterizations by the Star.

In Toronto also the picture received acclaims. It will rank in screen history as one of the most popular ones that ever toured the \$300,000-breath of the great Dominion.

COMING EVENTS

Ads. under Coming Events 25c per cent line unless otherwise advertised in The Call.

Feb. 8th—Cluny Gun Club 4th Annual Dance at Cluny.

Feb. 15—Valentine Novelty Dance at Queenstown Com. Hall.

Feb. 16—Richard Ratchemans "In Wheels of Chance".

Feb. 16—Blackfoot M.D. Barteries and Nomination Meeting.

Feb. 16—"Big Parade" Picture at the Gleichen Community Hall.

Feb. 22—Polly Anna Recital by Miss Kathleen Green, in United Church.

Feb. 23—Ken Maynard in "The Upland Racer".

April 24—"Trail of '98".

May 8 and 9—"His Dainty".

The Gleichen Militer Hockey team intend playing a big contest in the near future. One cannot blame the local people for not supporting the Militer game. It is no pleasure at any time standing outside in sub-zero weather and to do so for the sake of young men is even less attractive. Which comes to the another thought: Is it not nearly time that an up-to-date community like Gleichen, had a cover-RINK?

The Gamers were in a perfect physical condition for Saturday's game. For a whole week they were not on the ice in account of the cold weather, but they took plenty of exercise every evening at the battery under the tutelage of Trainer Moss. Coach Marvells had been coaching the team for the past month owing to sickness, consequently there has been no one to coach them.

Gleichen boys cannot play a defensive game. They are sixty minute boys, consequently the only way they can win is to be ever on the offensive even when several goals are ahead. This they have demonstrated time and again. Another thing Gleichen players kept close to the boards Saturday night.

It was a cold night down below zero and some of the players suffered frozen fingers.

If a hockey game is to start at a certain time for goodness sake have it start at that time especially in cold weather. Spectators go to the rink to see the game and not to be forced a game is scheduled to start in order to get a good position. It is not fair to keep the fans waiting. Closing promptly Saturday night.

Cluny Gun Club Fourth Annual DANCE

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CORRESPONDENCE

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Gleichen, Alta.
Feb. 4th, 1929

Editor Gleichen Call.

I should like to make a few com-

ments on the new educational act for

rural schools proposed by the minis-

ter of education and endorsed at the

U.F.A. convention at Edmonton.

I am not going to criticise the new

proposed act. It may be fair for the

older districts in the Province that

have gone through the pioneer stage

to pay the entire cost of educating

their own children and in addition to

bear more than half the cost of ed-

ucating the children in the newer

parts of the province that are now in

the pioneer stage.

I do think, however, that it is only

fair, that every taxpayer of our

municipality should know the facts

and the far-reaching effect this act

will have on our school taxes.

As you know the rate is pro-

posed to be paid into a central fund

and out of this fund all rural teach-

ing will be paid.

It was stated by the minister that

he estimated this flat rate would be

about seven and one-half mills and

the extra average cost to the whole

province under the new scheme would

be about three-quarters of one mill.

While this may be true, as regards

the whole average rate, we must not

forget the wide difference in value

of the difference in school taxes

per quarter section.

In the Blackfoot M.D. the average

valuation is about three thousand

two hundred dollars, and some quar-

ters very much higher.

There are some parts of the pro-

vince where the valuation is as low as

four hundred dollars per quarter sec-

tion.

Now, then, a quarter section with

a valuation of four hundred dollars

will pay three dollars in taxes to the

central fund, while a quarter section

with a valuation of four thousand will

pay thirty dollars.

The present average rate of tax-

ation of the various school districts

within the Blackfoot M.D. is approxi-

mately seven and one-half mills. A

rate equal to the estimated proposed

rate rate and that will only pay the

teachers' salaries and the salaries of

the new officials.

The balance of expenditures in the

district will have to be met by a sepa-

rate levy.

This additional levy will vary in

different school districts and I esti-

mate that it will be from three to six

or possibly seven mills.

In the older districts, that have

gone no debtors to pay and even when

the old rate is low the rate under

the new plan will not exceed eleven

mills while in the newer districts,

where the old mill rate is high at the

present time, the new rate may go

as high as fourteen mills.

While this new scheme is instituted

to take care of the small and poor

rural districts it might be well to

keep in mind that it will not benefit

any school district in the Blackfoot

M.D. or any school district in any of

the surrounding municipal districts,

but will increase the school tax in

every school district from two to

seven mills. And a total increase for

all the school districts within our Mu-

nicipality of about ten thousand dollars.

Yours truly,

THEO. THORSEN.

Town and District News

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Gleichen, Alta.
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Let everybody turn out and give the

Midgets a cheer Saturday.

Hockey seems to have even got the

best of dancing in this community.

Those who freeze their fingers and

feet Saturday night should be made an

excuse for a covered rink.

Much sympathy is extended to Mr.

and Mrs. Art Byers in the death of

their infant son Sunday night.

Sunday Dan Macdonald left for

Edmonton with a team of Glenchies

to bring home some of the big prizes

offered by the mountain tour.

Roy M. Allen, the Millo Auctioneer,

was in Gleichen last Friday meeting

his old friends. He stated his sale of

milks cows at Cluny was very success-

ful.

Harvey Menard has accepted a posi-

tion with the local branch of the Bank

of Commerce. Now boys you simply

must say "Mister," preparatory to

"President."

The fourth annual dance of the

Young Men's Club will be held this

year on Friday, Feb. 8th. These dances